

**WEEK ONE**

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*This is the account of Jacob and his family. Genesis 37:2a NLT**When Joseph was seventeen years old, he often tended his father's flocks. He worked for his half brothers, the sons of his father's wives Bilhah and Zilpah. But Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing. Genesis 37:2b NLT**Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other children because Joseph had been born to him in his old age. So one day Jacob had a special gift made for Joseph—a beautiful robe. But his brothers hated Joseph because their father loved him more than the rest of them. They couldn't say a kind word to him. Genesis 37:3,4 NLT**One night Joseph had a dream, and when he told his brothers about it, they hated him more than ever. "Listen to this dream," he said. "We were out in the field, tying up bundles of grain. Suddenly my bundle stood up, and your bundles all gathered around and bowed low before mine!" His brothers responded, "So you think you will be our king, do you? Do you actually think you will reign over us?" And they hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them. Genesis 37:5-8 NLT**Soon Joseph had another dream, and again he told his brothers about it. Genesis 37:9a NLT**"Listen, I have had another dream," he said. "The sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed low before me!" This time he told the dream to his father as well as to his brothers, but his father scolded him. "What kind of dream is that?" he asked. "Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow to the ground before you?" But while his brothers were jealous of Joseph, his father wondered what the dreams meant. Genesis 37:9b-11 NLT***God has \_\_\_\_\_ for Joseph***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 NIV***Point: \_\_\_\_\_ for a divine purpose**

**Jacob stood to the** \_\_\_\_\_

**One Challenge: build** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brothers stood** \_\_\_\_\_

**One Challenge: release** \_\_\_\_\_

**Joseph stood on** \_\_\_\_\_

*I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

**Isaiah 46:4b NIV**

## **Questions for Groups //**

1. What part of the message resonated most with you?

2. Read Genesis 37:2-11 – what word or phrase stood out most to you - why?

3. What are some of the family dynamics you grew up with?

Any similarities or differences to Joseph's?

4. What are plans you have for your life?

5. What are plans God has for your life?

6. Read Jeremiah 29:11 – what word, phrase stood out most to you - why?